Murder of a Member of Parliament in Darjeeling

168. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any report from the West Bengal Government on the murder of a Member of Parliament in Darjeeling recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the available information Shri T. S. Gurung, M.P., was murdered at Kurseong on 13th January, 1989 by unknown miscreants. He was stabbed to death while returning home after attending the last rites of a relative. The motive for the murder is not yet known.

Arrests under Official Secrets Act in Delhi

169. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several arrests have been made in Delhi under the Official Secrets Act recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of the persons arrested during 1986 under the Official Secrets Act; and

(c) whether a Lieutenant-General (Retd.) has been arrested recently in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three persons, namely, Laeeq Ahmed, Electrical Mechanic (First Class), Naval Hqrs., New Delhi; Rafiq Ahmed Taheer r/o Qudian, Punjab and Salim Masih Gill S/o Goga Masih Gill r/o F-2641, Gali Masoom Shah, Masti Gate, Lahore were arrested in Delhi during 1986 under the Official Secrets Act, 1923.

(c) Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Nirmal Puri was arrested on 6-1-1989 under the Official Secrets Act, 1923.

CBI Investigation into Corruption charges against Bank Officials

170. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases pertaining to corruption charges against officials of nationalised banks are presently under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases under investigation since the beginning of 1985;

(c) what are the names of the banks and the number of officers concerned;

(d) whether an official of the Union Bank of India has been found guilty of corruption and his case is under the investigation of C.B.I.;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) whether the concerned officer has been asked to proceed on leave and that he has refused to proceed on leave?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC

AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) CBI has registered some cases for investigation against bank officials.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) CBI has reportedly registered two cases for investigation of allegations against a former senior official of the Union Bank of India and others.

(f) The concerned official of the Union Bank of India was on Earned Leave for a period of 60 days with effect from 21.12.1988 and has also demitted office at the close of business on 20.2.1989.

Complaints from MPs against State Bank of Indore

171. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Bank of Indore does not respond to the communications from Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of such communications received by the Head Office during August, 1985 to January, 1989 yearwise and the average time taken in sending replies and the number out of them still remaining to be replied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has informed that communications received from Members of Parliament are replied to expeditiously.

(c) The yearwise break-up of communications received by State Bank of Indore from Members of Parliament is as follows:

Year	Number of communications		
	Received	Responded	Pending
1985 (from August)	6	6	—
1986	8	8	—
1987	16	16	—
1988	33	33	—
1989 (up to January)	1	—	1

The bank has reported that normally such communications are replied to by the bank within a week. However, letters from MPs are generally acknowledged within a couple of days and necessary data from branches is collected or investigation is completed, before sending a final reply.

Appointment of Non-official Directors in Banks

172. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several nationalised banks are without any non-official Directors;

(b) if so, what are the names of those banks which are without non-official Directors; and

(c) by when the appointments of non-official Directors are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) At present, there are no non-official Directors on the Boards of any of the 20 nationalised banks The process of identification of suitable persons to fill up these vacancies is expected to be completed soon.